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**1240-25**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : Francesco Orlandi et al.  
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FOR : MULTI-MARKER SCREENING PROTOCOL FOR  
FETAL ABNORMALITIES  
GROUP NO. : 1631  
EXAMINER : Marjorie A. Moran

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**RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims in light of the following remarks.